

FISCAL NOTE
SB 2347 - HB 3175

February 5, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows each county election commission in coordination with the State Election Commission, to develop an Internet-based electronic filing process. The system would be used by all candidates for local public office and all political campaign committees for a local election in such county or in the municipalities located in such county that are required to file statements and reports with such county election commission. If a county election commission decides to develop such an Internet-based electronic filing process, any and all costs for such development and Internet posting shall be an expenditure of such county election commission.

Currently, the Registry of Election Finance has jurisdiction over all campaign financial disclosure issues.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures:

\$8,550,000 One-Time 1st Year/Permissive

\$950,000 Recurring 2nd Year/Permissive

Estimate assumes:

- the increase in local government expenditures is based on the current cost associated with the implementation of the state's Internet-based electronic filing system in the Registry of Election Finance Office which oversees campaign financial disclosures.
- all 95 counties would opt to develop an Internet-based electronic filing system for candidates for local office and PACs for a local election.
- a first year start-up cost of \$90,000 per county.
- therefore, the first year increase in cost to local governments is estimated to be \$8,550,000 one-time (\$90,000 x 95 counties).
- recurring costs for the second year would include maintenance of the program, storage of the information and other operational costs. Therefore, the second year increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be \$950,000 (\$10,000 x 95 counties).
- the estimated cost per county to implement such a system is \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

